

# DEMOLITION OF THE CURRENCY KINGDOM

## NATIONAL PARTIES

To be a national political party, a group needs to win 2 % or more seats in the Lok Sabha from at least three states in the latest general election; or 6% of the vote in a Lok Sabha or Assembly election in at least four states and four Lok Sabha seats; or be recognised as a state party in at least four states.



BJP



AMIT SHAH,  
President

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"This fight against black money will continue"

(AMIT SHAH ON NOV 8)

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"I can understand that people are suffering due to the note ban"

(AMIT SHAH IN ALMORA ON NOV 22)

### WHAT IT DID

The parliamentary party passed a resolution calling the move 'a national project of cleansing the system that will usher in behavioral and attitudinal changes'

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

No



CONGRESS



RAHUL GANDHI,  
Vice-president

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"Congress has always supported any step against black money, and will continue to do so"

(RANDEEP SURJEWALA ON NOV 8)

### WHAT IT DID

Rahul Gandhi visited ATM queues. Congress disrupted Parliament

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"The real culprits sit tight on their black money stashed away abroad or in bullion/ real estate. Well done, Mr Modi"

(TWEET BY RAHUL GANDHI ON NOV 9)

### IF IT COMES TO POWER, WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

No



BAHUJAN  
SAMAJ PARTY



MAYAWATI,  
President

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"PM's decision is selfish. If they really wanted to curb black money, why did they take this decision after two years?"

(MAYAWATI ON NOV 10)

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"We are not against the demonetisation move at all but the way it has been implemented"

(MAYAWATI ON NOV 22)

### WHAT IT DID

Disrupted Parliament but stayed away from a rally to Rashtrapati Bhavan by a section of the opposition

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

Not known



TRINAMOOL CONGRESS



MAMATA BANERJEE,  
Party chief

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"While I'm strongly against black money, corruption, deeply concerned about common people, small traders. How they will buy essentials tomorrow?"

(MAMATA BANERJEE ON TWITTER NOV 8)

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"Four out of five villages in India don't have a bank. We all want to get to a cashless society. But, 95 per cent of debit cards in India used only to withdraw cash, not buy anything"

(TRINAMOOL CONGRESS ON NOV 16)

### WHAT IT DID

Took to the streets

### IF IT COMES TO POWER, WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

Yes



CPI (MARXIST)



SITARAM YECHURY,  
General secretary

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"No evidence it will check black money, corruption or terrorism"

(STATEMENT ON NOV 9)

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"No action was taken against use of cash in Bengal elections due to tacit understanding between TMC and BJP"

(POLITBURO MEETING NOV 15)

### WHAT IT DID

Announced nationwide bandh on Nov 28 and moved the Supreme Court

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

Yes



NCP



SHARAD PAWAR,  
President

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"Welcome decision. This will curb black money and terror financing"

(SHARAD PAWAR TWITTER, NOV 9)

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"The country is in the grips of an economic emergency due to Modi's (demonetisation) decision"

(SHARAD PAWAR, NOV 21)

### WHAT IT DID

Protested at Delhi's Jantar Mantar

### IF IT COMES TO POWER, WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

No



BIJU  
JANATA DAL



NAVEEN PATNAIK,  
Supremo

WHAT IT SAID FIRST:  
"Welcome demonetisation, bold step by the Prime Minister to curb black money, fake currency and terror funding,"

(NAVEEN PATNAIK ON TWITTER, NOV 9)

### WHAT IT DID

Stayed out of opposition-sponsored protests and rallies. Paid pensioners in ₹100 currency notes in Odisha

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"We support demonetisation"

(BJD MP FROM CUTTACK, BHRATRUHARI MAHTAB, NOV 16)

### WILL IT ROLLBACK THE DECISION?

No



AAM AADMI PARTY



ARVIND KEJRIWAL,  
Party chief

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"Were crony capitalists, friendly politicians and BJP leaders in UP given a prior warning?"

(STATEMENT ON NOV 9)

### WHAT IT DID

Is participating vigorously in demonstrations and rallies to oppose demonetisation

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"Politicians famous for their scams have welcomed the move. Were they in the know of this decision before it was announced?"

(ARVIND KEJRIWAL AT A RALLY, NOV 17)

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

Not known



SHIROMANI AKALI DAL



PARKASH SINGH BADAL,  
Patron

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"It is a morally, politically and financially brave move. It is a decisive blow against corrupt and dangerous individuals"

(PARKASH SINGH BADAL ON NOV 9)

### WHAT IT DID

Supported the government.

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"Farmers are unable to avail agri-credit needed for sowing rabi crop. The (demonetisation) decision has brought the business of cooperative banks to a standstill"

(PARKASH SINGH BADAL ON NOV 15)

### IF IT COMES TO POWER, WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

No



TELUGU  
DESAM PARTY



N CHANDRABABU NAIDU,  
President

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"Chandrababu Naidu has been a strong votary of demonetisationsince 2013"

(TDP ON FACEBOOK, NOV 9)

### WHAT IT DID

Supported the government

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"I have never witnessed in my political career this situation, where a problem remained unresolved for such a long time"

(CHANDRABABU NAIDU ON NOV 20)

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

No



AIADMK



JAYALALITHAA, Party chief

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

Nothing

### WHAT IT DID

Joined the opposition in protests

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"As per the instruction of our chief minister, the AIADMK is opposing the implementation of the policy of demonetisation. It is causing inconvenience to rural people"

(AIADMK MP NAVANEETHA KRISHNAN, NOV 24)

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

Not known



SHIV  
SENA



UDDHAV THACKERAY,  
Party chief

### WHAT IT SAID FIRST:

"How far has the government been successful in bringing back black money from abroad is what people are asking"

(SAAMNA, NOV 10)

### WHAT IT DID

Joined opposition protests but supported the move

### WILL IT ROLL BACK THE DECISION?

No

### WHAT IT SAID LATER:

"Although we joined Mamata Banerjee in the protest march, we never asked for rollback of the drive but are more concerned with the way it is implemented and the inconvenience caused to people"

(MP ANAND ADSUL, NOV 23)



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